

BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Faunce's Historic Tavern.

A movement is on foot in New York to have the city buy Faunce's tavern, the sole revolutionary relic in the downtown district. It was there that Washington bade farewell to his officers December 4, 1783.

The Charity Which Counts.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, is noted for the unstinted manner in which he dispenses private charity. He has been known to go out on cold nights to carry food to some poor person in whom he took an interest.

Impossible to Dismiss Them.

A New York police commissioner declared the other day that it was easier to hang a man for murder than to dismiss a policeman. "Last year," he said, "the board had to pay out \$130,000 in back salaries to men who had been reinstated by the courts."

Biggest Neale on Earth.

At the Washington navy yard the government has the largest pair of scales in existence. They will weigh anything up to 150 tons and, what is equally remarkable, they will accurately register the weight of objects so light as a single pound.

Electrocution Violently Attacked.

Electrocution has been violently attacked by the Electrical Review, on the ground of cruelty. The Review holds that shooting, garroting, hanging, the guillotine, harikari and beheading by the sword are all humane compared with the mutilations and sickening preparations for an electrical execution.

Twins Born in Different States.

While Mrs. P. T. Bulger, of Portland, Ore., was traveling on a train toward Spokane, Wash., the other day twins were added to her family. The elder, a boy, was born in Oregon, and the other, a girl, in the state of Washington an hour later. This is the first case on record where twins were born in different states.

Got \$11,000 for One Night's Work.

Mrs. Adelina Patti, now 57 years of age, for many years past stood at the head of the music financiers of her set and at the present time her terms for concerts in London are \$2,000. Her record for a single twelve-month is \$250,000, and for a single performance \$11,000. Buenos Ayres is the field in which the last named harvest was reaped.

New Books Published in 1900.

Last year the total number of new books published in the United States reached 6,346, or 633 more than in any previous year. There were 662 new editions of old fiction and 616 new novels, showing a decided reaction toward novels of established reputation. A special feature of the year was the reissue of celebrated books in fine and carefully edited editions.

The Things Most Worth While.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., assured the members of the Students' club in New York the other day that the things most worth while in this world are not the possession of wealth and the search for extravagant joys, but "character, friendship, health and success." And success, young Mr. Rockefeller said, "is to do the common duty of each day uncommonly well."

A Great Year in American Trade.

The last year of the last century broke all records in the extent of America's trade with the outside world. The official figures show that the country's exports for the memorable year 1900 were in the neighborhood of \$1,470,000,000 and the imports \$2,235,000,000. This produced a favorable balance of \$645,000,000 in the country's foreign trade, which is about \$25,000,000 ahead of the best record made in the calendar year 1899.

Not All Desert.

Arizona is supposed to be almost an unbroken desert, but in reality it has the largest unbroken pine forest in the United States, covering an area of over 8,000 square miles. This timber is usually found at an altitude of between 5,500 and 7,500 feet. The total quantity of pine timber fit for sawing purposes within the boundaries of the territory amounts to 10,000,000,000 feet, which can supply the needs of a populous state for more than a century.

Mobility of the Boers.

Gen. Kitchener says he is organizing a column which he will send to check the new Boer movement in Cape Colony as soon as he discovers where his services are most needed. That is exactly the trouble—to know where to find the Boers. They do not stay long enough at one place to allow a slow British column to strike them. Their wonderful mobility has been their strength from the beginning, and it has become greater since they have given up all permanent headquarters.

Where Our Army is Weak.

Capt. Crozier, chief ordnance officer on the staff of Gen. Chaffee in the recent expedition to Pekin, puts his finger on the weakest point in our army system as revealed in the Chinese campaign. Both in men and in equipment the United States troops were unsurpassed by any of the other four nationalities. But Capt. Crozier notes that they fell behind all the others in smartness of appearance. He says that they were the "slouchiest of all," and he believes the fault lies with the officers.

Shall Men Learn to Bow?

Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake, one of the most conspicuous of the equal rights advocates, in a recent interview declared "no greater wrong has been done to man than not teaching him how to bow; if he had only been taught embroidery, think of the difference." Acting upon this conviction, she has begun to teach man to bow with the special purpose of reclaiming him from the smoking habit. She contends that if he had been taught this years ago this habit would not have been so universal.

WENT TO HER DEATH

Kansas Jointkeeper's Wife Killed During a Night Raid.

A Mob of Masked Crusaders Visited Her Husband's Joint and When She Heard Shots Went to His Rescue—Shot and Killed.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Rose Hudson, wife of John Hudson, a saloonkeeper at Milwood, 14 miles north of this city, was shot and instantly killed Monday night during a saloon riot. Her husband had been warned to close his saloon and he refused. About ten o'clock three men entered the place and called for a drink. When served they rapped on the counter and gave a signal. Hudson jumped from behind the counter and grabbed one of the men. In the fust the shotgun which the man carried was discharged, its contents entering the room. The mob, which had been waiting a signal, crowded in at the same time. There were 40 or 50 of them, mostly masked. In the melee that followed Mrs. Hudson was shot in the head by a shotgun, and the top of her head blown off. William Webb was shot in the shoulder by a revolver. Nearly 100 shots were fired in all. Hudson carried his dying wife into an adjoining room and the mob retired without wrecking the joint.

PREACHER DEFENDS SALOONS

Episcopal Rector at Wichita Refuses to Join Other Protestants in Move to Close the Crockshops.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the Wichita Ministerial association it was resolved to call a mass meeting at the Auditorium next Sunday afternoon for the purpose of insisting upon the closing of the saloons in Wichita. Rev. J. D. Ritchey, of the Episcopal church, president of the Ministerial association, did not attend the meeting, but has come out in an interview as opposed to prohibition. He says the saloon is so deeply grounded in American life that it is a part of our social system. A large number of the people make it their club, he says, and he thinks regulation is the best that can be done with the saloon problem.

Predicts Martial Law.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 20.—Senator James Tapp predicts that if the liquor agitation continues for some time longer the federal government will be forced to declare martial law and send United States troops into the state to maintain peace.

MACARTHUR'S RECEPTION.

The Palace at Malacanang Beautifully Decorated and Illuminated—The Filipino Pleas—Women's Peace League.

Manila, Feb. 20.—Gen. MacArthur's reception at Malacanang exceeded anything in the Spanish regime. The palace was beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated. Thousands of persons attended from the army, navy, official, consular, clerical business and social circles, American and foreign. The Filipino population was well represented. Gen. MacArthur and the ladies of the United States commission received guests. The reception lasted till 11 o'clock. There was dancing afterward. The affair was thoroughly enjoyable and the Filipinos were especially pleased at being accorded a privilege never before afforded them. Gen. MacArthur's tact and courtesy were greatly appreciated.

The Women's Peace League met at Judge Tapp's house yesterday and passed resolutions to the effect that they intended to unite the Americans and Filipinos in the efforts to promote loyalty and hasten peace.

TO ERECT IMMENSE PILL.

Chicago Capitalists will go into the Sugar-Making Business at Shelby, Ind., to Compete with the Trust.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Chicago capitalists have organized a \$1,000,000 corporation known as the Central Sugar company, to compete with the huge American trust in the home supply. Contracts have been closed by the newly organized company for the erection of a beet sugar factory at Shelby, Ind. Ten thousand acres of land have been purchased by the company, and switches are being put by the railroads at the factory site. Work will be pushed, and the factory will be in full operation in time for this year's crop. The factory at first will be able to cut 600 tons of beets and produce 150,000 pounds of sugar daily, employing from 200 to 300 men.

No Reduction of War Taxes.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Prospects of the repeal of some of the war taxes are diminishing and the war revenue bill now in conference will fail to become a law at this session. There is no disposition on the part of the senate or house conferees to yield anything to each other, and both sides to the controversy are stubbornly contending for their respective propositions.

The Decoration of Flag by Advertisement.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, senior vice commander of the Sons of the American Revolution, and other officials of that organization were before the house committee on judiciary yesterday advocating legislation against the decoration of the flag. William V. Cox, of the National museum, exhibited a collection of advertisements, etc., in which the national emblem was used in an unbecoming manner. The committee took no action, owing to the lateness of the session.

Whitaker Held to Be Honored.

New York, Feb. 20.—It is believed Whitehead Reid is to be named as envoy extraordinary for the coronation of King Edward, which will probably take place in June, although the exact date has not yet been settled.

Dog Shot at New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—The annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel club opened yesterday in Madison Square garden. The exhibition for which 1,543 dogs were entered, will last four days.

MOB AT TOPEKA FOILED.

Vigilance of Officers Saw "Blick" Slater, a White Man, from Lynching—Threat That He Will Yet Be Hanged.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—The vigilance officers was all that saved "Blick" Slater from lynching by an infuriated mob last night. He will yet be lynched if he can be found. Slater assaulted 17-year-old Lottie Gerberick Monday evening and was captured by Topeka officers the next day in Carbondale. He is a white man, 27 years of age. The officers kept the fact of the capture quiet and placed Slater in the county jail here.

It developed that early in the afternoon the sheriff, in anticipation of trouble, ordered a deputy to get Slater out of town. He was ordered not to leave him in Jackson county or take him to Leavenworth. The deputy drove to Hoyt with Slater and entered a northbound Rock Island train with him. It is thought here that Slater is now in jail in Atchison. The Santa Fe shopmen are calmly determined to lynch Slater when he is brought back here for trial. They have appointed a large vigilance committee to be constantly on the look-out and vow that Slater will never leave Topeka alive. The Santa Fe shopmen have a past record in cases of this kind. They lynched John Oliphant 12 years ago for a like offense.

ADVERSE TO CRUSADERS.

District Judge Dale, at Wichita, Says Punishment in Saloons is Protected by the Law.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 21.—Mr. Nation's attorney presented a motion in the district court to quash the indictment against his client on the ground that the building injured harbored a nuisance and that his client had a right to abate it. In denying the motion, Judge D. M. Dale ruled that it makes no difference whether the property destroyed is used for a saloon, a bank or a grocery store. Under this ruling the only point at issue is whether the accused broke the glass windows as alleged in the complaint. The complaint in one case is made by the owner of the building who was not the proprietor of the saloon.

Women Held a Gambling House.

Foy, Ok., Feb. 21.—The Nation epidemic has reached Oklahoma. Last night two women named Royd, of this place, took axes and chopped the windows out of a room in the rear of Frank Froy's saloon, where a number of citizens were engaged in a game of draw poker. The husband of one of the women was in the game, but as soon as the smashing commenced he flew out at a side entrance, followed by the other inmates.

REFUSES TO GIVE BAIL.

Mrs. Nation Says She Will Not Promise to Quit Smashing Saloons. Even to Get Out of Jail.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Nation stolidly persists that she will not give a \$2,000 bond to keep the peace and will remain in jail. There has been a constant stream of visitors to the cell and Mrs. Nation has sent down word that she was not to be disturbed.

Judge Hazen, of the district court, yesterday continued the case of Mrs. Nation, charged with smashing Murphy's joint, until the April term of court. The case against Eva Harding, Mrs. Rose Crist, Miss Madeline Southard, Mrs. C. Chadwick and C. R. McDowell, were also continued. The feature of the hearing yesterday afternoon was the way in which Mrs. Nation enlivened the proceedings. Several times she arose to address the court and each time called him "your dishonor."

A School-Teacher in Danger of Lynching.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 21.—Sheriff Gano, of Medicine Lodge, has fled to Anthony with Prof. Hamlin to prevent him from being lynched. Hamlin, a country school-teacher, 22 years old, is charged with criminally assaulting a little girl, nine years old, who has been going to school with him from the house at which he boarded. Her name is Greaver and her people are influential.

To Take Place of Army Canteen.

Washington, Feb. 21.—An amendment to the army appropriation bill was introduced by Mr. Gallinger appropriating \$347,500 to be applied to fitting out the post exchanges so as to make them take the place of the army canteen. The money is to be spent on flower gardens, books, periodicals, etc.

Promotion for Gen. Shafter.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The president Wednesday sent a large number of army appointments to the senate, including Brig. Gen. William R. Shafter to be a major general in the regular army.

Big Naval Contingent for Inaugural Parade.

Washington, Feb. 21.—More than 1,000 sailors and marines, the biggest contingent the navy has had in Washington since the civil war, will march in the inaugural parade.

Cabinet Members Given Case Souvenirs.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Black walnut cases were given to the cabinet members by the president. The cases were sent the president from Illinois and were cut from a walnut tree on the farm formerly the property of Abraham Lincoln, Harriestown township, Macon county, Ill.

Southern Railway's Large Mortgage.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The Southern railway has been mortgaged for \$15,000,000 to secure bonds for the purchase of the Air line from Louisville to St. Louis.

One Regiment Mustered Out.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The Thirty-seventh infantry, United States volunteers, was mustered out of service Wednesday. The major portion of the regiment returned here on the transport Sheridan February 7. The rest was mustered out at Manila.

The Subotic Plague at Cape Town.

Cape Town, Feb. 21.—The body of a native who had died of bubonic plague has been found in a low quarter of the city. This is taken to indicate that the natives are concealing such cases.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Proceedings from Day to Day of the Closing Session of the Fifty-Sixth National Legislative Body.

At the conclusion of several hours' consideration of the ship subsidy bill in the senate on the 19th Senator Teller (Col.) announced his purpose to present a vote at this session. Senator Hanna (O.) replied to Senator Teller in a forceful speech, in the course of which he became impassioned in his denunciation of the methods employed by the opposition to defeat the measure. Prior to these remarks Senator Perkins (Cal.) delivered a speech in support of the bill. Earlier in the day the agricultural appropriation bill was passed, the appropriation for the being increased from \$70,000 to \$270,000. Under the leadership of Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, a long filibuster consumed the time of the hour. He wanted the house to proceed with the sundry civil appropriation bill, but the opposition desired to devote the day to the consideration of private claims. The net result was that the whole day was wasted.

At the conclusion of the morning hour the senate on the 19th when the unfinished business, the ship bill, was laid before the body, Senator Spooner (Wis.) moved to proceed to the consideration of the omnibus bill. The motion prevailed. After a little over an hour's consideration of the measure it was laid aside in order that unobjectionable bills be passed during the day. The house made little progress with the sundry civil appropriation bill. At four o'clock public business was suspended to allow the members to pay tribute to the memory of the late Representative Horner (Del.). February 21, at four o'clock, was set apart for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Shaw (N. Y.).

Nearly the whole of the senate's session on the 19th was devoted to consideration of the post office appropriation bill, but the bill was not finished. Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs, introduced a bill for the revival of the grade of vice admiral and the grade of rear admiral. The bill is in the interest of Admirals Sampson and Schley. He also introduced a bill for the promotion of Admiral Sampson and the men under him at Santiago. Senator Hansbrough, of the senate committee on public lands, reported the bill for the sale of the land in the arid lands by the secretary of the interior to the sundry civil bill. The bill authorizes the holding of the international exposition in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase at St. Louis in 1903, and appropriating \$500,000 therefor, passed the house by a vote of 191 to 41. The sundry civil bill also was considered. Mr. Bell (Cal.) introduced a resolution inquiring of the secretary of the interior as to what authority the pension office is turned over to the inaugural committee.

By the emphatic vote of 18 to 42 the senate on the 19th rejected the conference report on the military academy settlement. They are attractive in every respect. It is understood that one of the best Indian Reserves in the famous Valley of the Saskatchewan will be opened up this year, and an invitation is extended to those desiring homes to make inquiries. The price of the land is said to be nominal. Besides these lands, the several railway companies have lands to sell; also the Government. For particulars write to the Agent of the Government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.

THE WORLD'S BEST KNOWN TRAIN.

The Empire State Express—What It Does Daily and How It Does It.

"There is only one train in the country that does fifty miles an hour in speed for 100 miles run, and that is the Empire State Express."—Public Ledger, Philadelphia.

The Ledger might have added that this great train averages fifty-three and one-third miles per hour for the entire distance from New York to Buffalo, 440 miles, including four stops and twenty-eight slow-downs; that it does this each business day of the year; that it is the Empire State Express has attracted in every corner of the world has proved one of the greatest advertisements for American machinery and American methods of transportation ever been put forth, and that the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company is entitled to the thanks of not only the entire State of New York, but of every person in the United States from one end of the land to the other for placing before the world an object lesson without an equal.

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DEALING WITH CRIMES IN CANADA.

From the Chicago-Times Herald on January 18th, 1901.

"The citizens of the Dominion of Canada have just cause to be proud of their record as law-abiding people. The annual report of the criminal statistics of the Dominion, which has a population of over 6,000,000, shows that there were only twenty-five indictments for murder in 1899, of which only two were left without final action. Eleven of those indicted were hanged, nine acquitted and three confined as insane.

"Canada is a country of vast proportions. Its people are scattered over a wide stretch of territory, making police surveillance particularly difficult and in many districts impossible. Yet a city like New York or Chicago alone furnishes a far greater criminal list every year than the whole vast stretch of territory from Quebec to Vancouver.

"The Canadians ascribe their immunity from crime to the promptness with which punishment is meted out to offenders. When a man is caught red-handed in the act of robbing another he is not released on straw bail by some justice of the peace from the slums, to go out and repeat the offense. Sharp and sure justice is meted out to criminals of all kinds, the result being that when the guardians of the public peace succeed in bringing a thug to the bar they are seldom called upon to hunt him a second time.

"Furthermore there are few court delays in Canada when a criminal is brought to book. There are no Dreyer cases over there. There are no methods whereby Canadian criminals can have the proceedings stayed from month to month and from year to year or after being convicted, appeal from one court to another until witnesses die of old age or opportunities for corruption can be found.